

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) announced today that the House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which includes \$2.8 million in funding for six Southwest Georgia projects.

“This bill comprehensively ensures the continued strength of our agricultural sector by allocating funds to some critical research and development projects that specifically tackle the needs of Georgia agriculture,” Bishop said. “Georgia agriculture is not only important to the local economy, but it is also taking on an increasingly important role in protecting America’s environment, making us energy independent, and providing our country with a healthy and safe food supply.”

The following projects, which will impact Georgia and the Second Congressional district, were included in the FY 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill approved today by the House of Representatives:

- University of Georgia, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (Athens, GA) – Cotton Insect Management and Fiber Quality Research, \$346,000;
- University of Georgia, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (Athens, GA) – Research for Water Use and Water Quality Enhancements, \$346,000;
- University of Georgia, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (Athens, GA) – Research on the Integrated Management Phytophthora Blight on Vegetables, \$178,000;
- University of Georgia, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (Athens, GA) – Research Initiative to Improve Blueberry Production Efficiency, \$209,000;
- National Peanut Laboratory, \$1,200,000;
- Peanut Institute/Baylor Medical (Albany, GA), \$254,000.

For a complete summary of the Fiscal Year 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill, please visit <http://appropriations.house.gov>.

The House and Senate versions of the Agriculture bill will be considered by a Conference Committee later this year.